Statement

Percentage of total irrigated area—1989-90

Andhra Pradesh	41.1
Arunachal Pradesh	13.1
Assam	15.2
Bihar	39.6
Goa	9.0
Gujarat	27.3
Haryana	75.3
Himachal Pradesh	18.1
Jammu & Kashmir	40.9
Karnataka	21.3
Kerala	13.2
Madhya Pradesh	16.7
Maharashtra	11.0
Manipur	40.8
Meghalaya	19.6
Mizoram	11.0
Nagaland	29.5
Orissa	25.3
Punjab	93.6
Rajasthan	24.9
Sikkim	10.9
Tamil Nadu	44.6
Tripura	9.8
Uttar Pradesh	56.7
West Bengal	22.9
All India	33.8

Private investment in Agriculture

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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether according to the latest World Bank report growth of private investment in agriculture in India has been declining consistently over the years ;

(b) what is the per annum percentage of private investment in agriculture in India in 1970s, 1980s and 1990s till date ;

(c) what are the reasons for this declining trend ; and

(d) what steps Government have taken or propose to take to arrest this declining trend and boost the private investment in Agriculture ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ARVIND NETAM) : (a) and (b) According to the latest World Bank Report, the growth of private investment in agriculture in India has been declining over the years. According to the Report, the private investment in agriculture has declined from 2.8 per cent per annum during 1970s to 1.9 per cent per annum during 1980s. However, during 1990s, the private investment in agriculture has increased from Rs. 3440 crore in 1990-91 to Rs. 3535 crore in 1992-93 at 1980-81 prices.

(c) The decline in private investment in agriculture has been mainly due to decline in public investment in agriculture which acts as a catalyst for increasing private investment in agriculture. Further, resources have been divereted to current expenditure (including subsidies) *vis-a-vis* investment.

(d) The Government is already seized with the task of reducing subsidies and rationalising farm input support policies so as to release resources for investment in agriculture specially in irrigation. This enhancement in public sector investment is expected to have a salutary effect on private investment in agriculture. Moreover, incentives to export oriented agricultural enterprises will help in boo sting private investment in agriculture.